

REMARKS

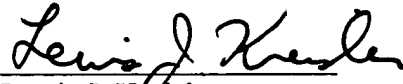
The specification has been amended to correct an inadvertent clerical error. In Table 4, "benzene" has been changed to "toluene." The solvent is correctly identified as toluene in the reaction scheme for Step A (top of page 41) and on the third-to-last line of page 41. The person of ordinary skill in the art would have noted the discrepancy. Noticing the single use of "benzene" in the table and the two uses of "toluene" in the accompanying text, the person of ordinary skill in the art would have concluded that "benzene" was a clerical error and that "toluene" was intended. To conform with the change from "benzene" to "toluene", Table 4 has also been updated to reflect the molecular weight of toluene. As evidence that the molecular weight of toluene is 92.13, applicants submit herewith a copy of the entry for "toluene" from The Merck Index, 11th ed. (1989) (enclosed). Accordingly, applicants maintain that the amendment does not raise an issue of new matter. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

The sentence appearing on lines 9-10 of page 45 was inadvertently truncated due to a clerical error. The sentence should have read as follows: The oil was dissolved in 12 ml of 1:1, hexanes: chloroform and placed on 30g of silica gel equilibrated with 1:1, hexanes: chloroform. Based on the context provided by the text of the sentence appearing on lines 9-10 of page 45 and the sentence following it, the person of ordinary skill in the art would have appreciated that the oil dissolved in 12 ml of 1:1, hexanes: chloroform was placed on silica gel equilibrated with 1:1, hexanes: chloroform. Although the person of ordinary skill in the art may not have been able to determine that the amount of silica gel used was 30 grams, the precise amount of silica gel for the step in question is not crucial.

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It is believed that no fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1677.

Respectfully submitted,

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